

Recommendations and Critical Text Amendments for Global Indicators Draft Resolution

On behalf of the Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network and the Indicators Task Force (ITF)

Background and Rationale:

The processes to define the 2030 Agenda has seen unprecedented levels of engagement from civil society and a wide range of other stakeholders, and in new and innovative ways. To align with the commitment to fostering open, inclusive, participatory and transparent follow-up of the 2030 Agenda – and in line with the recommendations of the Secretary-General’s report on the data revolution for sustainable development – this resolution must explicitly recognize the need for participation of all relevant stakeholders in all of these processes, building upon the expert group’s efforts to engage with stakeholders to date. This engagement is critical to ensuring that these indicators and data are transformative, and is a prerequisite to fulfilling the commitment to leave no one behind, and will be in the interest of the IAEG-SDG’s own legitimacy and effectiveness during this critical next phase of work.

Additionally, other data sources and methodologies from a wide range of stakeholders must be drawn upon in the IAEG-SDGs going forward, in order for this work to fully take into account the full ecosystem for data collection around all SDG issues, and to foster a true data revolution. This resolution must mandate the expert group to take into account and solicit inputs from all stakeholders in this technical and methodological development and review process, including from civil society, subnational and local governments, academia, research institutions, practitioners and the UN System. If this work is undertaken exclusively by national statistical systems alone, the expert group risks leaving critical issues and people behind.

Consequently, the Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network and Indicators Task Force have compiled these recommendations and critical text amendments to the proposed draft resolution on the “global indicator framework to follow-up and review the SDGs and targets” for consideration.

Recommendations and text amendments for Declaration:

Preamble Paragraph 5:

Reaffirming the primary responsibility of Government for follow up and review, at the national, regional and global levels, in relation to the progress made in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and the central role of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in overseeing follow-up and review at the global level, *[which recognizes the role of partnerships with major groups and other relevant stakeholders as outlined in Resolution 67/290]*

Preamble Paragraph 6:

Emphasizing the need for quality, accessible, timely and reliable disaggregated data and geospatial information to ~~help with~~ *[inform]* the measurement of progress and to ensure that no one is left behind

Add: Chapeau Paragraph

Recognizing the need for transparent and inclusive processes with all relevant stakeholders that leverages partnerships to create a fully comprehensive indicator framework that is fit for purpose to measure progress on the Sustainable Development Goals building upon the participatory nature of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind.

Operational Paragraphs:

1. Decides to adopt the *[report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators, with the]* list of global indicators annexed to the present resolution to follow up and review the Sustainable Development Goals and targets
2. Requests the Secretary General to support the Statistical Commission *[,national governments and all relevant stakeholders]* in the coordination of the substantive and technical work to develop international statistical standards, methods and guidelines necessary to fully implement the list of global indicators to follow up and review the Sustainable Development Goals and targets
3. Requests the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators to continue to work *[in a transparent and inclusive manner with all relevant stakeholders]* to fully implement the list of indicators by taking into account new methodologies and data as they become available
5. Requests the Secretary General to establishing appropriate mechanisms to facilitate further the collaboration between national statistical systems, the various international organizations *[and all other relevant stakeholders]* in the collection, harmonization and dissemination of data and statistics on the global set of indicators to follow up and review the Sustainable Development Goals and targets

Recommendations and text amendments for Decisions:

- b. Asked the IAEG-SDGs to continue to work with the same level of focus, determination, and ambition, maintaining the same level of inclusiveness and transparency of the process so far *[, including through participation of all relevant stakeholders]*
- e. Requested the IAEG-SDGs to take into account the specific proposals for refinements of indicators made by Member States *[and stakeholders]* during the discussion
- l. Agreed that the compilation of global indicators will be based to the greatest extent possible on comparable and standardized national official statistics, provided by countries to the international statistical systems and that when other sources are used, these will be reviewed and agreed by national statistical authorities and presented in a transparent manner *[, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders]*

For more on these recommendations and critical text amendments, please contact John Romano from the TAP Network at romano@wfun.org or Orsolya Bartha from International Disability Alliance at obartha@ida-secretariat.org